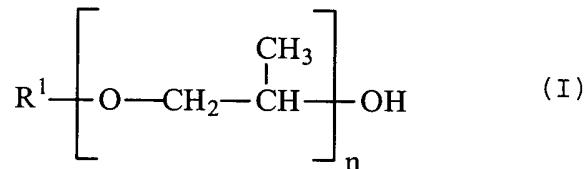


IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10-11 and 13-14 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, comprising a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel and an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

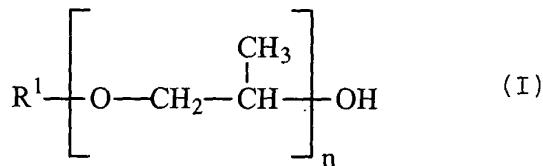
n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

$\text{R}^1$  is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkyl or  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkenyl.

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3. (Amended) A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, containing a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, comprising an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of an additive combination comprising

i) at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



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where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

$\text{R}^1$  is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkyl or  $\text{C}_8\text{-C}_{18}$ -alkenyl;

ii) at least one detergent additive, selected from a polyalkylamine additive of the formula II



where  $\text{R}^2$  is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000;

if required in combination with at least one lubricity additive.

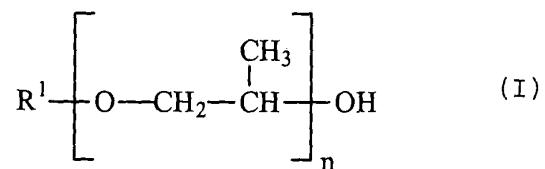
7. (Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising at least one polyalkylamine additive of the formula II, where  $\text{R}^2$  is a radical derived from identical or different  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{30}$ -alkenes.

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8. (Amended) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains, as an additive of the formula II, at least one polyisobutlenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

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10. (Amended) A fuel additive mixture which contains, as intake valve cleaner component, at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



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where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

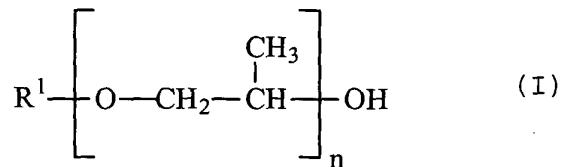
$R^1$  is straight-chain or branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkenyl,

if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

11. (Amended) A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, further containing a polyalkylamine, wherein the fuel additive mixture contains the at least one propoxylate additive and the polyalkylamine in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to 10:1.

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13. A fuel additive mixture formulated as an additive concentrate, comprising as an intake valve cleaner component at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I

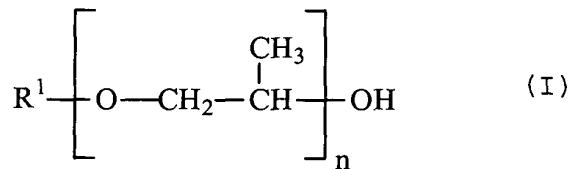


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where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and  
R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkenyl,  
if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required,  
together with further conventional fuel additives.

14. (Amended) A method of improving the intake system cleaning effect of a fuel composition for internal combustion engines, the method comprising providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of a propoxylate additive of formula I



where

n is an integer of from 10 to 20 and

$\text{R}^1$  is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_8\text{-}\text{C}_{18}$ -alkyl or  $\text{C}_8\text{-}\text{C}_{18}$ -alkenyl.

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Please add new Claims 15-16 as follows:

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--15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the propoxylate additive is provided in combination with at least one detergent additive.

16. (New) A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and  $\text{R}^1$  is straight-chain or branched  $\text{C}_{13}$ -alkyl.

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